

AN INTERMEDIATE STATE.

What Do the Scriptures Teach as to This Popularly Received Doctrine?

Paper read before the Preachers' Meeting by Rev. A. Goodrich.

I have been requested to prepare a paper for this meeting, on that doctrine known in theological circles as the intermediate state, a thing which, in fact, is not now, never was and never will be—a sheer figment of the middle ages, invented by the fabrication of a false system of eschatology to supplement its lack of consistency, and which, notwithstanding its absurdity and its conflict with the doctrine of the future life as taught by Christ and his early followers, has been perpetuated through the ages, though undergoing many modifications from time to time, and which even yet has some friends.

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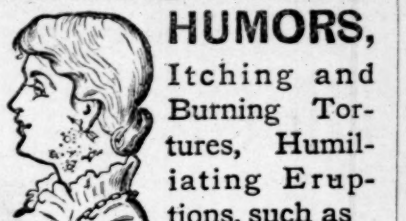
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Exchange 4 1/4; Money 1 1/4; Sub-treasury balances: Gold \$10,000,000; currency \$10,000,000. Government irregular; 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. State bonds steady.

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COTTON AND WEATHER.

Cotton—Middle uplands closed in Liverpool yesterday at 6½; New York at 11½; in Atlanta at 11½.

Daily Weather Report.
OBSERVER'S OFFICE SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. A., U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE, June 7, 10:30 P. M.
All observations taken at the same moment of time at each place named.

NAME OF STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Rainfall.	Weather.
Atlanta.	30.06	71.67	S	Light	13	0.11	Light Rain
Augusta.	30.07	69.67	S	Light	10	0.11	Cloudy.
Key West.	30.06	72.00	E	Light	10	0.00	Cloudy.
Savannah.	30.06	72.00	E	Light	10	0.00	Cloudy.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Time of observation.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Rainfall.	Weather.
6:31 a. m.	30.08	69.66	S	Light	17	0.00	Cloudy.
9:31 a. m.	30.07	69.67	S	Light	10	0.11	Rain
12:31 p. m.	30.07	69.67	S	Light	10	0.11	Rain
3:31 p. m.	30.07	69.67	S	Light	10	0.11	Cloudy.
6:31 p. m.	30.07	69.67	S	Light	10	0.11	Cloudy.

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MEETINGS.

Ladies Memorial Association.

A meeting of the members is hereby called for Monday next at 8 p. m. at the Young Men's Library to organize under the charter recently granted. A full attendance is requested and those ladies who were original members are especially invited to be present. The meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. W. D. Ellis, Secretary.

Y. M. C. A. Monthly Reception.

The regular monthly reception of the Young Men's Christian association will be given in their parlors, next Tuesday evening, from 8 to 10:30 p. m. The committee in charge have arranged an interesting program, and a pleasant evening is promised. Refreshments will be served by the ladies. A card of invitation may be obtained at the association rooms any time Monday or Tuesday or from any member of the association.

Woman's Industrial Union.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Industrial Union at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association at 4 o'clock on Monday evening, at which a full attendance is requested. Those who cannot attend in person are requested to send in their monthly dues to the secretary, MATTIE A. GRAY, Secretary, President.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. G. V. DORSEY, Piqua, Ohio, says: "I have used it in dyspepsia with very marked benefit. If there is deficiency of acid in the stomach, nothing affords more relief, while the acid on the nervous system is decidedly beneficial."

A western paper says: For all pains, St. Jacobs Oil is unsurpassed.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kind, and it is sold in every store. Nothing affords more relief, while the acid on the nervous system is decidedly beneficial."

Go and hear the Rev. Sam Jones at the Y. M. C. A. Hall this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

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Baby Carriages. Send for catalogue. New Saratoga models. The best in the world. W. J. Wooten, 82 Whitehall street.

HIGH'S.

Our stock of table linens, towels, napkins and house furnishing goods generally, must be closed out. We whisper such prices that you will take them without a word.

Atlanta Gas Light Company, the old reliable, will sell from this date, June 1st, 1884, at \$1.50 per M. net. See special notice.

82 Old Pants! Old Pants! 82 Whitehall street.

Just received a fresh lot of Wood's Great Peppermint Cure. The best for colds and coughs. W. J. Wooten, 82 Whitehall street.

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The season is far advanced and shoes would go slowly at regular prices. I have, therefore, ordered a big lot in these. Spot cash has the knife in hand and you will be astonished at the prices of them today. Come and buy, prices are way down and Dougherty's is the place to buy shoes.

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Canton lawns at 3½c.

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We allow no house to undersell us now.

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Knights of Temperance picnic Tuesday at Stone Mountain.

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THE DANVILLE RIOT.

THE MINORITY REPORT OF THE
OUTRAGE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Majority Characterized as
Scheme to Get a Republican Campaign Docu-
ment Printed at the Public Expense—
Mexican Pension Bill Considered

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The chair laid before the senate a message of the house of representatives, non-concurring in the senate amendments to the bureau of labor bill.

On motion of Mr. Blair, the senate insisted on its amendments, and ordered a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

A joint communication from the secretaries of state, war, and navy was read, recommending the appointment of twelve additional watchmen in the war department building, in order to protect it against fire.

THE DANVILLE REPORT.

Mr. Vafice submitted the views of the minority of the committee on privileges and elections, regarding the Danville investigation, and asked that it be printed, with extracts of the majority report. So ordered.

The preamble of the resolution under which the committee acted, is quoted upon which the minority comments at some length, declaring that any lawyer with an honest disposition to ascertain the truth would see that, taking all the facts asserted in this preamble, congress was clearly not authorized by the constitution to interfere, but would conclude at once that it was a matter of purely state affairs. The "general election" referred to was a matter of purely state concern, not a

it anywhere stated that the officers were com-
mitted by authority of any state
law in contravention of the
constitution, or by the aid, connivance
or neglect of any officer of the state of Vir-
ginia, but were wholly done in violation of her
laws, and in contempt of her authority. 21-

allegation, too, that none of the offenders had been brought before the courts was untrue, because of the omission to say, doubtless with a view to deceive, that the state authorities from the government to the corporation scavenger of Danville, belonged to the same political party

which was responsible for the resolution, and on whose behalf the inquiry had been conducted. The fourteenth and fifteenth constitutional amendments are quoted, and further argument are based upon them in support of the theory that the general government had no right of interference in the premises.

"But it is indirectly said," continues the report, "by the committee that they propose no interference by actual legislation further than by investigation to express to public condemnation the action of the voters in Danville, and it is also intimated that should the people of Mississippi not vote for the candidates of the republican party on the pending presidential election, then the committee will propose legislation to prevent such a result."

these states with a view to depriving them of representation in congress under section 2d of the 14th amendment. The latter, he undersigned regard simply as a partisan threat to itself, strongly interfering with the free exercise of the right of suffrage, which, it is believed, many people expect to be inducted and self-

... contempt if so richly merits; and the former
... seem to be simply a proposition to shift the
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... decent respect for the opinions of mankind, the
... port asserts, should have impelled the representa-
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and set forth its results with judicial impartiality. The glance at the majority report would satisfy every just mind that this had not been done. The examination was conducted with all the sharpness, vigor, shutting off of unfavorable testimony, adding up to and the solicitation of what which is favorable, which usually characterizes the trial of a criminal case. In the Hastings court. The

ple of Danville were all the way through treat-
ed as though they were on trial, with the representa-
tive senators acting as prosecutors. Things were
treated to be true on the rambling statements of
ignorant negroes, though disproved by dozens of
businesses of greater intelligence, both white and
black.

Report here describes, from the standpoint

the minority, as a purely local affair, not the result of conspiracy. It enters at length into the history of the lawlessness of mobs in these cities, dwells upon the crimes of violence at the north, alludes to the Cincinnati case, the Tewksbury almshouse investigation in Massachusetts, the killing of inoffensive

groes in New York, and other northern
es, and suggests that an investigation into
se matters would be as proper a subject of
gressional inquiry as the investigation of
killing off four negroes in Danville.